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This is a request for a ☐ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 490,948  
filed on January 24, 2000, entitled Multiple Stage Theater

## NOTES

**FILED QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(a), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for notices and changes, to the effect that the patent issued as a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 6, 1995.

**CA-P NOT FORWARDED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be considered to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.54 to access to copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and is every application assigned the application number identified in such request. 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b).

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.118 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d)(4).
  - a. ☒ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Martin Byrd
  - b. ☒ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/61) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
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## TYPES, CROSS-NOTING, AND STATUS OF APPLICATION

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c) or (i))		10 -20* =		x \$ _____ =	\$ _____
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.104 or (i))		2 -3** =		x \$ _____ =	\$ _____
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ =	\$ _____
				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)	355
				Total of above Calculations =	355
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28).					
* Release claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Release independent claims over original patent.				TOTAL =	355

## 6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.  
 b. ☒ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  
 c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

## 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_:

- a. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.  
 b. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.  
 c. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.

8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ 355.00 is enclosed.9. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired 50064

(Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.)

10 a. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)b. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)11. ☐ Other:

## NOTE:

The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA  
 UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.

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Nathan Boether, Attorney

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In Re: Application of )  
GEORGE KRIKORIAN, et al )  
Serial No.: 09/490,948 )  
Filed: January 24, 2000 )  
For: MULTIPLE STAGE THEATER )  
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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)

This is a request for the filing of a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) of the above captioned non-provisional application.

It is requested that this continued prosecution application utilize the file jacket and contents of the prior application, including the specification, drawings, and oath or declaration from the prior application, to constitute this new application, and that the application number of the above captioned prior application be assigned for identification purposes. 37 C.F.R. 153(d)(2)(iv)

It is also requested that the above captioned prior application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date accorded this continued prosecution application. 37 C.F.R. 153(d)(2)(v)

With respect to the above captioned prior non-provisional

1 application, this continued prosecution application is being  
2 filed before the earliest of the following:

3 1) termination of the proceedings on the prior application.

4 37 C.F.R. 153(d)(1)(ii)(C);

5 2) payment of the issue fee on the prior application. 37

6 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(A); and

7 3) abandonment of the prior application. 37 C.F.R.

8 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(B)

9 The term for response or taking action in the prior  
10 application expires on March 2, 2001.

11 Please note the following:

12 1) This application discloses and claims only subject matter  
13 disclosed in the prior application. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(2)(ii)

14 2) Filing of this continued prosecution application is to be  
15 construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant  
16 under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public,  
17 who is entitled under the provisions of section 1.14 to access  
18 to, copies of, or information concerning, either the prior  
19 application or any continuing application filed under the  
20 provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) may be given similar access to,  
21 copies of, or similar information concerning the other  
22 application or applications in the file jacket. 37 C.F.R.  
23 1.53(d)(6)

24 3) Filing of this request is the specific reference required  
25 by 35 U.S.C. 120 to every application assigned the application  
26 number identified in this request. No amendment in this  
27 application may delete this specific reference to any prior  
28 application. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(7) and 1.78(a)(2)

1 This continued prosecution application names as inventors  
2 fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application.  
3 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4)

4 Please delete the following named inventor which is not an  
5 inventor of the invention being claimed in this new application:


6 Richard Martin Byrd

7 Enclosed please find a check for the basic filing fee under  
8 37 C.F.R. 1.16 in the amount of \$355 for a small entity.

9 Status as a small entity was claimed in the prior  
10 application numbered 09/490,948 filed on January 24, 2000, for  
11 which benefit is being claimed for this application.

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13 DATED: FEB 26 2001

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21 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING


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